

Sunday 9th March 2025 | First Sunday of Lent - Year C | Issue 10

THE TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS IN THE DESERT MY TEMPTATIONS IN LENT

The central theme of Lent is that we are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. To do the opposite is to give in to temptations from within.

Jesus teaches by his own temptations

"One does not live on bread alone."

In the **First Temptation**, Jesus renounces using God to "turn" stones into loaves of bread to satisfy his hunger. He will not live seeking his own self-interest

I must resist doing all for ME and Do all for OTHERS

"You shall worship the Lord, your God,"

In the **Second Temptation**, Jesus renounces "power and glory" and He won't bow down before false Gods.

I must resist my false Gods of chasing money, power, pleasure, false appearances, pride and comfort.

I must enter through the narrow door of integrity and righteousness. Real power is not achieved by lying or cheating.

"You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

In the **Third Temptation**, Jesus renounces "showing off" and being the "greatest" and all powerful.

I must resist vain glory, pretending to be what I am not, nor resorting to easy success and false ostentation. Integrity and righteousness have to be real

This Lent:

I will not promote my self, but promote others, especially the poor . I will keep my false Gods well in check I will quietly be my self and not pretend to be someone else.



















"It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathise with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father,"

ST ANNE'S 2025 CALENDAR/MARAMATAKA

March/Māehe

11: 12:05pm Anointing of the Sick Mass

13: 6pm Synodality Facilitator Meeting

16: 12pm Samoan Mass, 2pm Baptism & 3pm Sacramental Programme Big Hui #2
18: 7pm Sacramental Programme Reconciliation Rite 2
21: 11am Mass at Elmwood
23: 11:30am Maori Miha & 3pm Synodality Meeting

30: 5pm Family Mass

April/Āpereira

02: 7pm Rite II Reconciliation **08:** 12:05pm Anointing of the Sick Mass

13: Palm Sunday & 3pm
Sacramental Programme Big Hui #3
17: Holy Thursday
18: Good Friday (office closed)
20: Easter Sunday
21: Easter Monday

22: Easter Tuesday (office closed)

25: Anzac Day (office closed)

27: 11:30am Maori Miha



Recently Deceased/Ngā Mate Lawrence McAllister & Kevin Street

The Sick/Ngā Turoro Fotulafai Chungsum, Phuong Lan, Su'a Pese, Elham Kemp, Anne Wallbank, Anne Stickney, Punipuao Su'a, Anarosa Tofaeono, Gloria Williams, Lorraine Va'a, Lourdes Collins, Pauline Arthur, Helmut Rudolph, Mirjana Dorotich, Louisa

Iosefa Aiolupotea Sega, Felise Sega & Rosalia Sega, Carmela Maplesden, Jon Maplesden & Marie Mani

Birthday Blessings/

Manaakitanga Huritau Margarita Paras, Falaniko Tominiko, Sylverina Tofa, Adam Manukau, Joan Carmen Lerios, Lilac Rinoa Jean Encina, Eileen Mika-Apulu, Allen Wulf, Faasifo Vailigi Rarotonga, lopu Seu, Greer Campbell, Iopu Seu, Jospeh Malele, Cameron Mead, Eddie Hita, Marianne Sivapragasam Folau, Craig Edwards, Sosefo Otukolo, Joseph Tucker, Taufagapiu Tanielu, Alexandria Din, Ava Fruean, Kilisitina Therese Ifopo, Eileen Tautolo, Folauhola i Vaiola Tupola, Thomas Kelsall, Selestine Brown, Anarosa Tofaeono, Christina Vatuvei, Liam **Bronil Dabreo**

Special mention to Natui Sala Lesina Ah Sue celebrating her 60th birthday!

In Our Parish/ I roto i to tatou Pārihe

CARITAS LENTEN PRAYER - WEEK 1

E te Ariki, Lord Jesus, as we start our Lenten journey this year, help us to open our hearts and minds to hear Your voice in new ways. Reveal to us what we need to change in ourselves and in the world. Water the seeds of faith so we may proclaim the Good News and stand as Your witness always. E te Ariki. Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

ST ANNES - CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL 2025

"Restoring Hope: Your Compassion in Action / Kia Puawai Te

Tūmanako." This is the Lenten Appeal theme for 2025 and it is aligned to Pope Francis's Jubilee theme of "Pilgrims of Hope," inviting us to actively embody love, compassion, and hope in our daily lives.



In St Anne's, we offer the Koha Boxes for the kids and the weekly envelopes for the adults with the icon that can be scanned for direct credit.

Each Sunday, we hope to present at mass a short video, which among general themes also includes: Tonga, Gaza, Ukraine, Kenya and Fiji.

Care for our own family comes before solidarity for troubled spots of the world. For all of us, prayer, mindful and heartfelt unity with those in need, is essential for embodying "love, compassion, and hope in our daily lives."





TONGAN MASS - TODAY, SUNDAY 9TH MARCH AT 12PM

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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

Today, Sunday 9th March at 3pm there will be a training session. All eucharistic ministers must attend, **current and new!**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH MARCH AT 12:05PM MASS.

Can R Encabo please contact the office. We would love to hear from you!

SYNODALITY MEETINGS IN MARCH

PLEASE NOTE: The Facilitator meeting will be now be held on Thursday 13th of March at 6pm.

The synodality meeting on "Church Structures will be held on Sunday 23rd of March from 3pm to 4:30pm



SAMOAN MASS SUN 16TH MARCH

Samoan Mass Sun 16th Mar - ole Misasa I la tatou lava Gagana aemaise mo tatou matua tausi faatinoina Ila tatou Gagana.

Reminder: About our mass on Sunday March 16th - please take note especially for our elderly.

Note for Aufaipese: I le Ava & faaaloalo, tagisia ai le Paia ma le mamalu o Samoa uma e fia auai ma ofo latou soifua ile auaunaga ole usuina o viiga ole Atua ile tatou lava Gagana. O lea toe amatalia tatou aogapese i Aso Lua & Aso Tofi 6.30pm aua tatou misasa Samoa. E tatalo atu ai ma le Agaga maualalo I e uma fia ofoina o latou soifua I lea auaunaga-a iai se fesili Faafetai le Ofisa le Aufaipese Leilua poo Tau-021723507 mo nisi faamatalaga.

NOTE for our Samoan choir: Practices have restarted for our Samoan singing in our own language for our Parish masses. Any new members if they want to join they can contact - Leilua or Tau - 021723507. Again this is another great way of fellowship and to connect with your own in your language.

SOUP, BREAD AND OP SHOP

A big thank you to the Golden Oldies, who worked so hard to get the clothes decent and ordered. Thank you so much Caroline and crew. We love you.

To all, especially the young people who served in the kitchen with Fr Kevin and Sally. Thank You!

Thanks also to Fr Martin, who prepared the soup for us and provided the bread, arriving early this morning with all prepared.



ST ANNE'S REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAY

Temples of the Holy Spirit Prayer Group 7pm every Monday In the Church Lounge Contact: Serena - 269 6353 or

02040880300

TUESDAY

Legion of Mary Senior Meeting Every Tuesday 6:30-8pm in the Church Lounge Contact: Agnes Wulf -02040676737

Christian Meditation Group

Every Tuesday 7pm-8pm in the Church Chapel Contact: Grace Switzer -027 250 7206



1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesday of every month 10am-12pm, Church Lounge Contact Dianne - 021 152 4310

WEDNESDAY Divine Mercy



Every Wednesday 6pm-8pm in the Chapel Contact: Pesi Tuala - 027 256 1955, bessietuala@hotmail.com

Indoor Bowls

Every Wednesday 7:30pm in the Church Hall Contact: Bev - 267 2026

FRIDAY

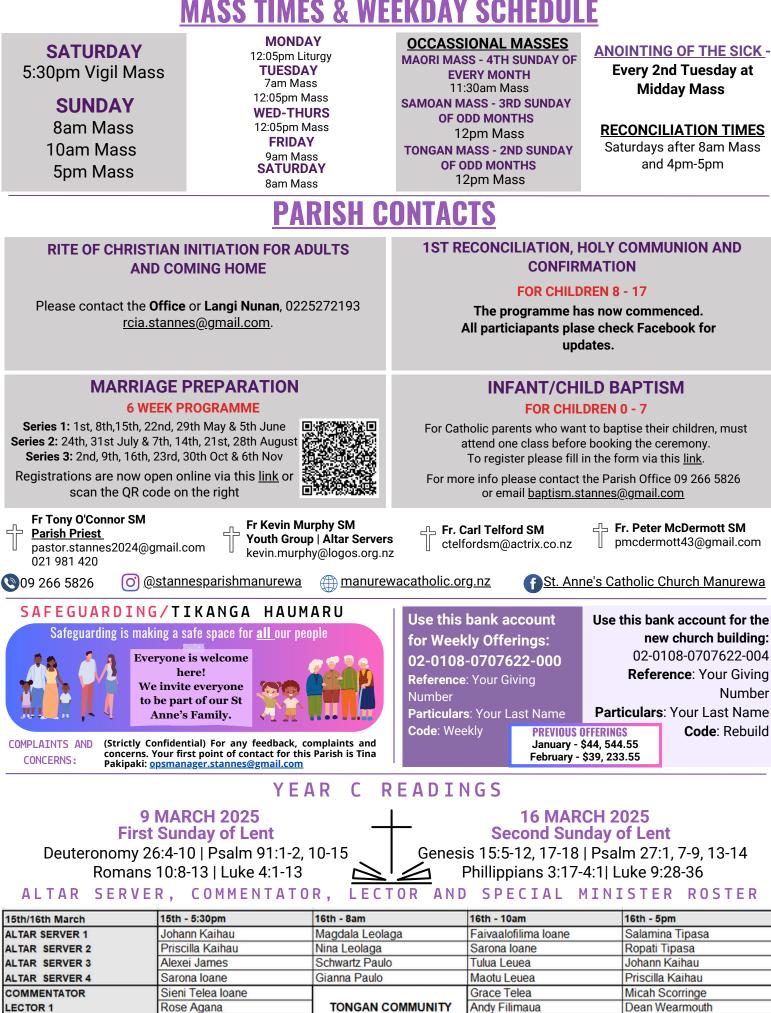
Legion of Mary Junior Meeting Every Friday 5pm-6pm in the Church Lounge Contact: Sally Roberts -027 406 1724

<u>SUNDAY</u>

Tongan Sunday School (ECL) Every Sunday 11am in the Church Hall Contact: Kaifa Fatongiatau -0211756198, kaifafatongiatau12@gmail.com

Samoan Sunday School Every Sunday 8:30am-9:30am in the Church Hall Contact: Iuni Terry - 0272431887, Iuni.Terry@jarussell.co.nz

MASS TIMES & WEEKDAY SCHEDULE



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Sarah Beacom

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Natui Sala

Natui Sala

Iulieta Leafa

Kirstie Wearmouth

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